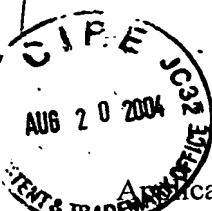


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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 13, 2004 (the three-month response date for which has been extended by one month from August 13, 2004 to September 13, 2004 by the accompanying Transmittal and Petition to Extend), please reconsider the above-referenced application based on the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.